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C.A.W.M.C. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -by Al Munro

I just received my October 2005 issue of 'Timber Talk' and suddenly realized that it has been a month since I wrote my first President's message and is now time to do a second message. I will start this message with some mixed news.

Several months ago, **Dave Taylor**, treasurer of the Atlantic Provinces Wooden Money Association (A.P.W.M.A.), advised Norm Belsten, the then President of C.A.W.M.C., that the A.P.W.M.A. was disbanding as there was little activity in the Association following the sickness of **Glenn Rodger**, some five years ago, and who had been the Association's driving force. It is disappointing to see one of our once very active 'wood' organizations disappear and it is to be hoped that interest in collecting 'wood' will again return, to the Maritimes, in the future, and that the A.P.W.M.A. will function once again. Dave also advised that the funds remaining in the A.P.W.M.A. would be gifted to our C.A.W.M.C. and to the Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association (A.P.N.A.).

It is therefore a pleasure to be able to announce that C.A.W.M.C. has received a donation of \$1,000.00 from A.P.W.M.A. *I sincerely thank all members of the A.P.W.M.A. for this gracious donation* and wish to provide assurance that the C.A.W.M.C. will provide any support possible, in the future, if the wooden money collectors of the Atlantic Provinces wish to re-form the A.P.W.M.A. or a similar organization. I also, at this time, would like to *acknowledge the many efforts of Glenn and Mildred Rodger in organizing and supporting the A.P.W.M.A.* during its many years of existence.

We have just celebrated our Canadian Thanksgiving, and by the time you read this it will be less than two months to Christmas. It is therefore time for anyone who wishes to issue wooden Christmas cards, to contact their supplier if you have not already done so. *When you issue a wooden Christmas card don't forget to advise your editor with details* of number issued, manufacturer etc. along with details of availability if you wish to make them available to other collectors.

In closing, I remind you again that *'Timber Talk' is the life line of our hobby* and I continue to ask on behalf of our editor that you take a few minutes and write a short article for inclusion in the bulletin. The article could be on how you got started collecting 'wood', your favourite 'wood', how you discovered a new 'wood' or a request for assistance in identifying a wood in your collection. *Happy Collecting.*

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

Victor Hall – 1977-1979

Don Robb – 1979-1981

Stan Clute – 1981-1983

Neil Probert – 1983-1985

Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995

Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

Earl Salterio – 2001-2003

Norm Belsten – 2003-2005

FROM THE EDITOR: A sincere 'Thank You' to those people who have contributed to this month's newsletter, namely President Al Munro, Larry White and David Phillips. In President Al's report he mentions the regrettable demise of the APWMA but also the good news that CAWMC is the recipient of \$1000.00 in donation from that Association. In the *October 2005* issue of "The CN Journal", mention is also made of this donation and I quote directly from "The CN Journal".

WORDS FROM ATLANTIC CANADA *The APNA Atlantic Numismatist reports that the APWMA has regrettably decided to dissolve. The decision is due to the failing health of its greatest support, Glenn Rodger, and the reduced interest by the current membership. Although such news is never pleasant, the APWMA has decided to strengthen its two sister associations, the APNA and the CAWMC, by distributing the balance of its GIC and cash reserve to these two organizations. They will be forwarding \$2300.00 to the APNA and \$1000.00 to the CAWMC. The APNA will also receive the club library and archives with the understanding that 'should the time come where interest in Wooden Money flourishes again...the APNA will help support it, as part of a greater and stronger association'.*

Other good news: Our "Friend In The Woods", Past President Lou Vesh is at home recovering from recent, successful surgery. Hope your back to normal soon, Lou. *Get well.*

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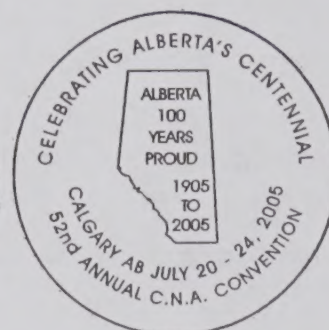
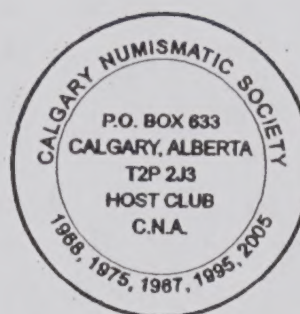
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 Auction Coordinator: AL MUNRO

DUES: Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors are:

Canadian Residents: \$10.00 Canadian Funds
 United States Residents: \$10.00 U.S. Funds
 International Members Rate (outside of Canada and U.S.): \$20.00 Canadian Funds
 Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Stn. 'M', Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1

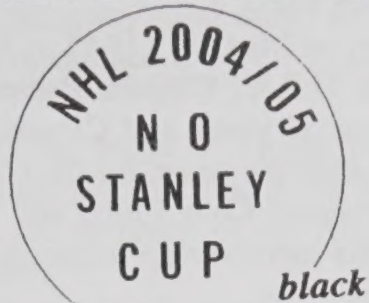
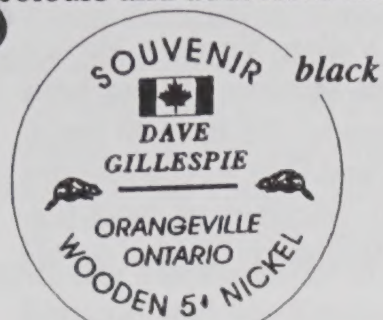
FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

Our 'free wood' this month comes courtesy of our President *Al Munro* and the *Calgary Numismatic Society* (CNS). As you know, the CNS recently hosted the Canadian Numismatic Association convention and Al was the Chairman of the convention. This wood was distributed to all participants at the convention and enough provided for our CAWMC membership. Both Al and the CNS have provided many of our 'free woods' in the past, so a big 'Thank You' to them.

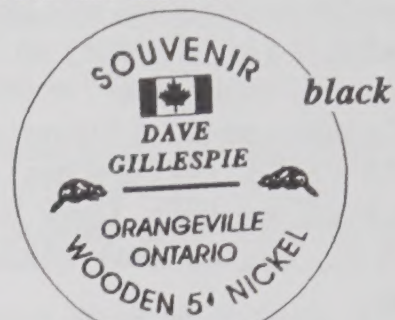
This wood is red on both sides.

MORE CALGARY 2005 C.A.W.M.C. GENERAL MTG. 'WOOD' TOKENS DISTRIBUTED:

These 'woods' were all distributed at the CAWMC general meeting in Calgary. Some information, colours and addresses are shown. I assume these woods are available from the issuer.



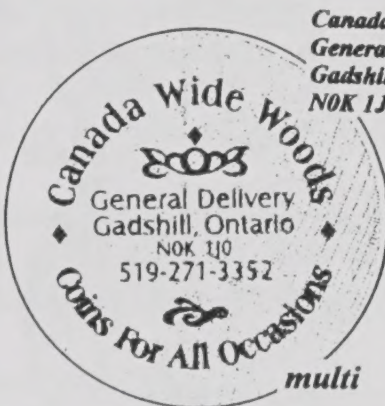
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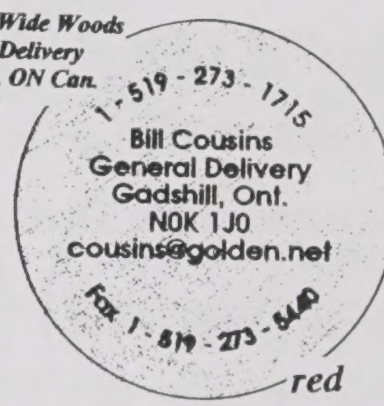
This Numbered wood
with a 'Yellow Rose'
was distributed at the
CAWMC breakfast only.



Common Obverse for
3 woods to the right



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NOK 1J0



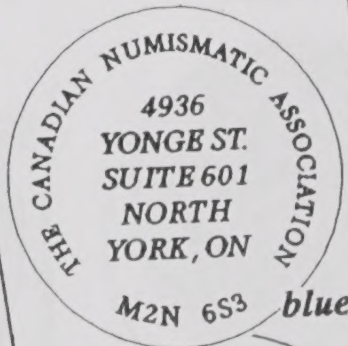
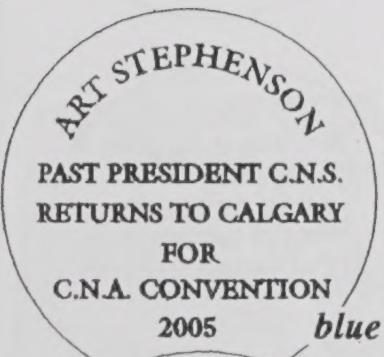
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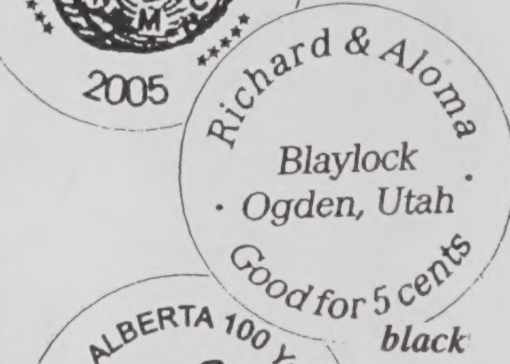
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Future 'Free' Wood

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Richard & Aloma Blaylock
437 E. 3250 N.
North Ogden, UT USA
84414-1617

LARRY WHITE: - CAWMC member from Liberty Center Ohio has issued eight 'woods' for this year 2005. The woods can be obtained from Larry for \$5.00 to cover all shipping costs. They will be mailed in a *padded protective envelope* for safe arrival. They are shown below.

The following is a bit of history on Larry who was born on May 28th, 1942 in Jewel Valley, Virginia. He is a collector of coins, medals and 'woods' mainly from the U.S.A., Canada, Panama and Mexico. He has been collecting Canadian coins, as his main collection, for over 50 years, and Canadian 'woods' for over 30 years. He joined CAWMC in 1977 and has issued many woods over the years, for the C.N.A. and O.N.A. conventions and for CAWMC meetings. Larry is a member of numerous Coin Clubs and a Life Member of most (i.e. C.N.A., A.N.A., Virginia State, Michigan State etc.). His membership numbers are frequently shown on his 'wood' issues.

Larry has been retired since May 1995 and also spends time at his other hobbies of travel, auto racing, hunting, fishing, canoeing, white-water rafting and just plain enjoying life. He has in the past, and you can be assured will attend, in the future, many O.N.A., C.N.A. and CAWMC functions. He always looks forward to meeting other collectors and giving them a 'wood' for the occasion.

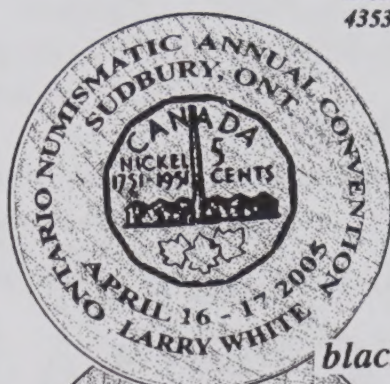
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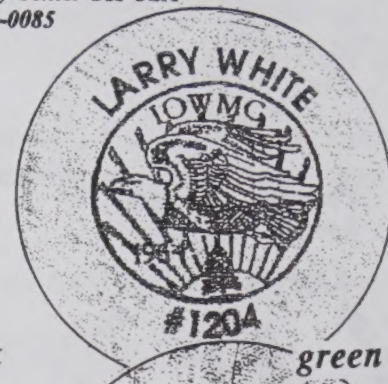
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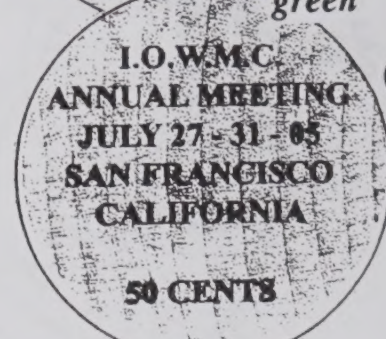
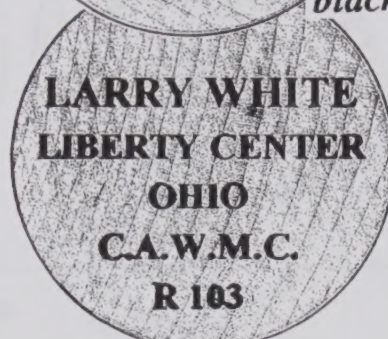
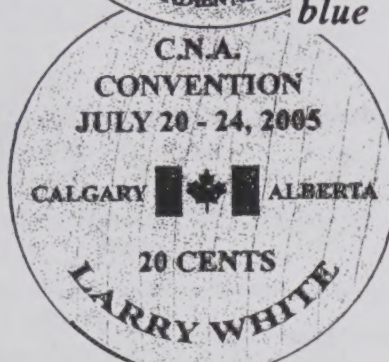
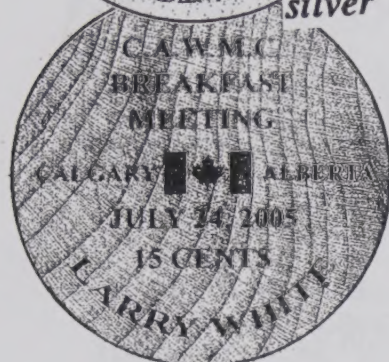
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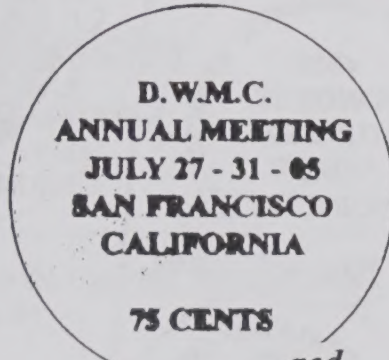
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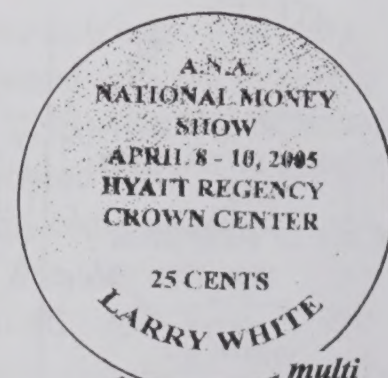
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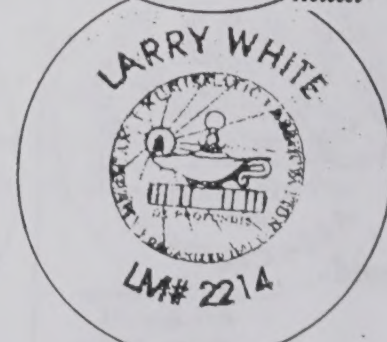
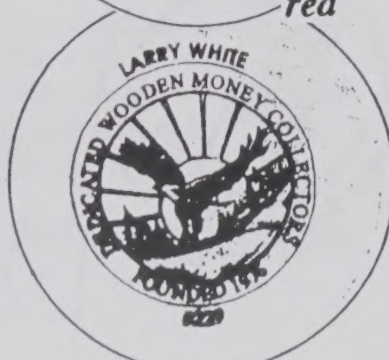
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AN ALASKAN CHRONICLE – continued by David 'Rusty' Phillips

As we proceed northward on our "Alaskan Cruise" town schedule, we are going to vary slightly from the usual towns (Ketchikan, Juneau & Skagway) and make a stop in another panhandle town that is now and again substituted for one of the 3 aforementioned towns.

So we go now to: **SITKA**

Again, this site was originally the home of Tlingit Indians, and the present name, "Sitka" is an European version of the Tlingits' name for the place – Shee Atika (meaning: the outside of the island of Shee).

In 1799, Alexander Baranoff, the manager of the Russian / American Company, established his fur trading company's headquarters at this site.

Baranoff and his Russian Company had virtual control over what we now know as southern and western Alaska. Russian names and culture were imposed on the whole area (and are still in place in many places to this day).

Finally, in 1867, the Russians sold "Alaska" to the United States for 7.2 million dollars (considered a 'disaster' by the U.S. critics of the day!). Since the Administrative Capital of Alaska had been in Sitka for years, it remained there until 1906 when it was transferred to Juneau.

Sitka, with its current population of 8,835, retains much of its Russian heritage, with many original Russian built buildings still in place. The economy is supported by timber, fishing and an increasing tourist industry.

Again, *this town has no 'outside' road link and can only be reached by boat or air.*

The *two* woods I have chosen to show features a Russian heritage theme (would be nice to know more about the figures and logos on these woods...)

They were issued for advertising purposes by *Taranoff's Sitkakwan Gifts*, (a gift shop), in the mid 1970's. The proprietress, Mrs. Taranoff, *"offered them free to people who stopped in, if they mentioned them"*. Mrs. Taranoff had advertisements for her store in the *'Milepost'*, an Alaskan tourist oriented magazine, and also in an Alaskan Travel Guide.

There are two identical woods, but with different colours, eg; the top one shown is black ink, both sides. The bottom one shown is red ink, both sides.

Unfortunately, I haven't been able to find out how many of each, were produced nor for how long they were given out.

There are 15 different woods from Sitka (of which I am aware). Of these, 9 have variations (the most being the Elks & Moose Lodges with 4 each). So, the 15 different woods, with the 15 variations, equal a total of 30 Sitka woods. *Let the Editor know what you have. Let's compare notes.*



LIGHTHOUSE "WOODS": The 'Penn-Ohio Wooden Money Collectors' group has issued a series of woods. **Part ONE** of a TWO Part series is shown here and available now. This Part I shows lighthouses from the U.S.A. shoreline of Lake Erie. Part II, when available, will show lighthouses from the Canadian shoreline of Lake Erie. There are 25 lighthouse woods in both Parts I and II, for a total of 50 woods. The printing is black on both sides of each wood. The common reverse of each wood is shown at the right.

Cost of Part I is \$15.00 U.S. postpaid. Cost of Part II is \$15.00 U.S. postpaid when available. Orders can be sent to **Penn-Ohio Wooden Money Collectors 1931 E. Prospect #509 Ashtabula, Ohio 44004 - 5336.**

